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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED  
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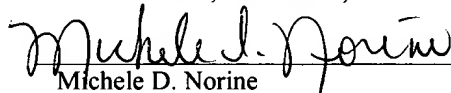
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2003, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on March 31, 2004. A Petition and fee are included herewith for a one-month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any further extension of time and to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Amendment to the **Specification** begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to the **Claims** is reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow  
is respectfully requested.